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Former Actor Sentenced For Wife's Murder

A former actor was sentenced today to 40 years to life in state prison for fatally shooting his wife at their Los Angeles home in front of the couple's two young sons, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Michael Andrew Jace, 53, was found guilty last month of the second-degree murder of April Jace on May 19, 2014. Jurors also found true the special allegation that Jace personally used a firearm.

Deputy District Attorney Tannaz Mokayef with the Major Crimes Division prosecuted the case.

The actor, who portrayed a police officer in "The Shield," was upset his wife wanted a divorce and was obsessed with the belief that she was seeing someone else, Mokayef told jurors in opening statements. Jace waited in their home and when April came home around 8 p.m., he shot her once in the back, the prosecutor said.

Jace shot her two more times in the legs in front of their sons, who were 8 and 5 at the time.

The defendant then called 911 and told the operator he shot his wife, according to evidence presented at trial. Her body was found inside the couple's home along with their two children, who were unharmed.

Case BA424932 was investigated by the Los Angeles Police Department.

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